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Maria A. Pallante
U.S. Copyright Office
James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-401
101 Independence Ave. SE
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Pallante:

I am writing in support of exemptions to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) for the classes of works enumerated in comments 3,4, and 5 on page 78867 of the Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 244. I value the ability to use alternative software and computer operating systems on my computers and personal computing devices, including laptop computers, cellular phones, tablets, video game consoles, music players, televisions, and even some automobiles. In general, I value the ability to direct any computing device in my possession by means of software of my own choosing, independently of the manufacturer or distributor of the device, regardless of whether the manufacturer or distributor has restricted the device, for example, by means of encryption.

In particular, I use software from the Cyanogenmod Project (<http://www.cyanogenmod.com/>) on my personal smartphone (model “Droid Incredible” by manufacturer HTC, distributed by Verizon Wireless). The Cyanogenmod software grants me valuable knowledge, rights, and software features far beyond those of the software that was distributed with the phone originally. In order to install the Cyanogenmod software, I had to gain administrator access to the device, which was legal only due to a prior exemption to the DMCA which I am asking you to renew.

Sincerely,

Burton Betchart